

Appl. No. 10/673,902
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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action of 20 April 2006, the Applicant submits this Reply. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-18 remain in this application, of which claims 1 and 10 are independent.

Claim Objections

Claims 7 and 16 have been amended to add a period to the end of each. In this light, reconsideration and withdrawal of these claim objections is requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-18, of which claims 1 and 10 are independent, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 in view of Piech¹. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

According to Piech, a Splinder 601 "is used to split the multimedia information into tow different shots and can extend the media information into one shot or the other."² The parts of the Splinder "are 'hot spots' which can be dragged with a cursor control device such as a mouse. For example, a user can 'grab' the Splinder by moving the mouse until the cursor is on top of the Splinder and then depress a switch to signal the grab."³ (with emphasis added). A single Splinder is located on each of the media tracks⁴ and is dragged along the track until it is dropped into a desired place.⁵

There are several ways in which claim 1 differs from the disclosure of Piech. For example, claim 1 recites a *clip object representing a selection of the motion video data*, wherein *each clip object has a size on the timeline corresponding to a duration of the selection and includes trim handles by which a user may perform a trim operation by dragging the edge of the clip object to a desired trim point, thereby adjusting the size of the clip object and the duration of the corresponding selection of motion video data.*

¹ U.S. Patent No. 5,442,722 to Piech, *et al.*

² Piech, col. 4, ll. 24-26.

³ Piech, col. 4, ll. 40-44.

⁴ Piech, col. 4, ll. 18-21.

⁵ Piech, col. 5, ll. 10-11.

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Claim 10 similarly recites a timeline that includes *representations of clips of video, wherein each clip has a duration on the timeline and trim handles for the user to select an edge of a clip and to perform a trim operation by dragging the edge of the clip to a desired trim point.*

It is clear that Piech's Splinder tool is neither structurally or functionally equivalent to the recited *trim handles* of claims 1 or 10, to which an edge of a clip object is dragged to a desired trim point. Further, the recited *timeline* is comprised of *representations of selections or clips of video*, whereas Piech's trimming system appears to operate directly on video shots⁶.

Because claim 1, and thus dependent claims 2-9, and claim 10, and thus dependent claims 11-18, differ from the structure described by Piech, at least for the reasons pointed out above, the rejection is traversed.

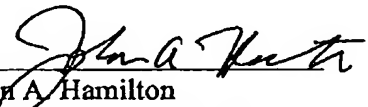
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this reply, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, please charge any fee to **Deposit Account No. 50-0876**.

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⁶ Piech, col. 4, ll. 58-61.